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TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:SECRETARY'S DECEMBER 23 PRESS CONFERENCE

, DEPARTMENT WISHES TO BRING TO ATTENTION ALL POSTS IN
OAU MEMBER COUNTRIES HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S MAJOR PRESS
CONFERENCE ON ANGOLA DECEMBER 23. FULL TEXT OF PRESS
CONFERENCE BEING SENT VIA WIRELESS.

2. SECRETARY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY OUTCOME IN ANGOLA,
BEFORE MASSIVE ARMS SHIPMENTS BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
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INTRODUCTION OF CUBAN FORCES OCCURRED. WE ARE NOT

OPPOSED TO THE MPLA AS SUCH. WE MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA AND THE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. WE CAN LIVE WITH ANY OF THE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA, AND WE WOULD NEVER HAVE GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO ANY OF THE OTHER FACTIONS, IF OTHER GREAT POWERS HAD STAYED OUT OF IT.

-- THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER A PRO-SOVIET FACTION IS BECOMING DOMINANT IN ANGOLA. THE UNITED STATES POLICY UNTIL WELL INTO THE SUMMER WAS TO STAY OUT OF ANGOLA, TO LET THE VARIOUS FACTIONS WORK OUT THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THEMSELVES. WE ACCEPTED IN MOZAMBIQUE WITHOUT

ANY DIFFICULTY FRELIMO, A PRO-MARXIST FACTION THAT CAME TO POWER PRIMARILY BY INDIGENOUS MEANS WITH SOME MINIMUM OUTSIDE SUPPORT. WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN MARCH AND THE MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER WAS A MASSIVE INTRODUCTION OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS THEN FOLLOWED BY SOVIET ADVISORS AND LARGE NUMBERS OF CUBAN TROOPS--LARGE AT LEAST IN RELATION TO WHAT IT TAKES IN ANGOLA TO AFFECT THE SITUATION.

-- THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION, BACKED BY A CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, CAN IMPOSE ON TWO-THIRDS OF THE POPULATION ITS OWN BRAND OF GOVERNMENT.

-- THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE INTRODUCE AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES.

-- WITHOUT OUTSIDE SUPPORT, THE WAR WOULD END ON THE BASIS THAT THE OAU HAS PROPOSED, THROUGH SOME SORT OF COALITION AMONG THE LOCAL FORCES. THAT IS ALL THAT WE WANT. WE HAVE NO PERMANENT INTERESTS IN ANGOLA AND, I REPEAT AGAIN, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE MPLA AS LONG AS IT IS AN AFRICAN ORGANIZATION.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE APPROPRIATE SOLUTION IN ANGOLA SHOULD BE SOUGHT BY THE OAU ON THE BASIS THAT THE THREE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA SHOULD AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON AN APPROPRIATE COALITION OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT THEY
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AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES AND THAT FOREIGN FORCES, AS I SAID THE OTHER DAY, FROM THE SOVIET UNION, FROM CUBA, AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA.

-- WE HAVE NO NATIONAL OBJECTIVES IN ESTABLISHING A PRO-AMERICAN OR PRO-WESTERN GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. WE WANT AN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT IS NOT IMPOSED BY ANYBODY FROM THE OUTSIDE.

-- THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA WAS ONE THAT WAS RESOLUBLE BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS. IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE THAT A COALITION GOVERNMENT WAS OFFERED BY THE SOVIET UNION EARLIER THIS YEAR, OR BY ANYBODY ELSE EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND REJECTED BY THE UNITED STATES. IT HAS BEEN FIXED AMERICAN POLICY TO FOSTER A COALITION AMONG THE PARTIES. IT HAS BEEN THE FIXED AMERICAN POLICY TO SUPPORT THE OAU IN ITS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT CONCILIATION AMONG THE PARTIES. AND AT NO TIME HAS THE UNITED STATES ATTEMPTED FOR ANY PARTICULAR GROUP TO PREVAIL.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS IN FAVOR OF THE REMOVAL OF BOTH CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, AND AN END TO ALL OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

3. FOR ACCRA: ABOVE POINTS SHOULD BE USED DURING ORAL PRESENTATION OF AIDE MEMOIRE REPLYING TO GOG AIDE MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 22 (SEPARATE TEL). KISSINGER

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